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DENSIFICATION OF CERAMIC SUBSTANCES BY MEANS  
OF ELECTROMAGNETIC CENTIMETRE WAVES, AND  
RECEPTACLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTIVE  
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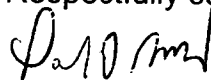
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Respectfully submitted,



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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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/PL/	International Preliminary Examination Report dated 29 October 2004.

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